

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-23 and 28). In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of a single disclosed species, Applicants elect methotrexate. Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1, 10 and 11.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that both claims 1 and 12 are independent claims. The Examiner is requested to indicate if election of a further species in connection with claim 12 is also required. Should that be the case, Applicants will file a supplemental response.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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